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**TO:** Presidents and Executive Directors, Trustee Associations

**Student Trustee Associations** 

**FROM:** Ted Doherty, Executive Director

Ontario Education Services Corporation

**RE:** Professional Development Opportunity for Education Leaders

To be effective leaders, Ontario's school board trustees need access to excellent professional development materials. The Ontario Education Services Corporation (OESC) offers an online professional development program designed to support trustees in their governance role and build upon their knowledge and skills. Over the course of the 2019-20 school year, OESC will be updating the existing program.

We are pleased to announce that the new program website is up and running and available at: <a href="http://modules.ontarioschooltrustees.org/">http://modules.ontarioschooltrustees.org/</a>. The following modules have already been updated to reflect current legislation, regulations, education policy and research:

Module 5: Performance Review: Director of Education Module 11: Legal Aspects of School Board Governance

**Module 12: Running Effective Meetings** 

Module 21: Board Self-Assessment: Governance Performance

Ontario school boards can continually increase their knowledge of good governance practices to perform their responsibilities with confidence. Participating in OESC's program is one effective way trustees can develop their skills and grow.

We ask that you share this initial information with your trustees now as we will continue to post revised modules on the program website throughout the year. A full program launch will take place in January, 2020 and will include communications materials you can customize and share with your members, along with other promotional items and incentives to inspire boards to participate.

Trustees are welcome to provide feedback on the program <a href="here">here</a>. For more information or assistance with your outreach, please contact Kendra Tedford Devine, Program Lead at <a href="here">KDevine@oesc-cseo.org</a>.

Best regards,

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